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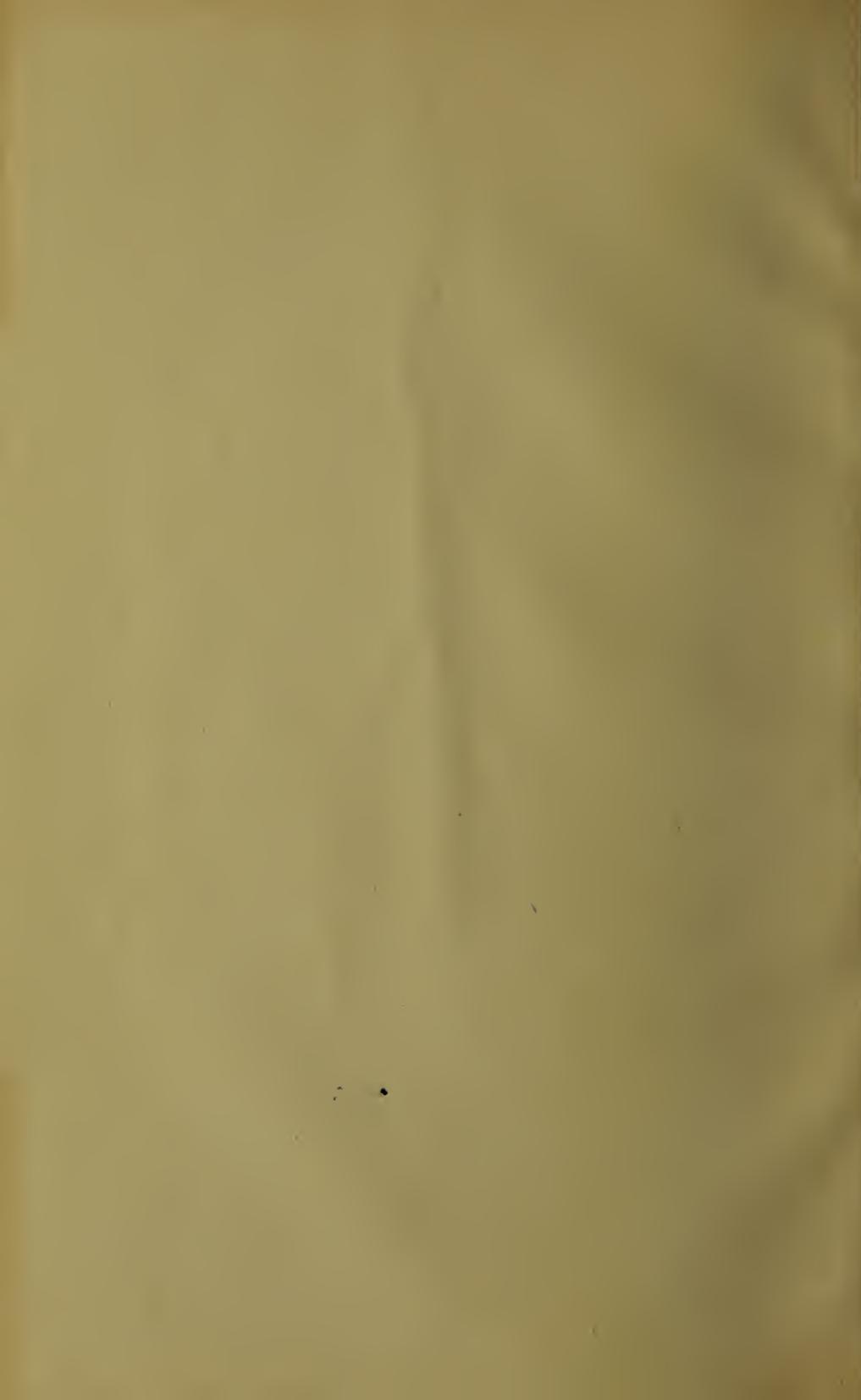
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REPORT

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

We, Your Excellency's Commissioners appointed, *Firstly*—To report a plan for the better organization of the Department of Adjutant General of Militia. *Secondly*—To investigate and report upon the best means of reorganizing the Militia of this Province, and of providing an efficient and economical system for the defence of the Province ; and, *Thirdly*—To prepare a Bill or Bills on the subjects hereinbefore mentioned respectively, with a view to submission of the same to Parliament at its next Session, do most respectfully report to Your Excellency, as follows :

ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL OF MILITIA.

1. We recommend that the Department of Adjutant General of Militia shall consist of an Adjutant General—two Deputy Adjutants General—a Pay Master, and a sufficient staff of clerks.

Adjutant General's Department.

2. That the General Commanding Her Majesty's troops, in Canada, shall, from time to time, as circumstances may require, be requested to nominate officers of the regular service to inspect the Active Militia, and that such officers shall receive, while so employed, the allowances provided by the present law.

Inspectors of Militia.

REORGANIZATION OF MILITIA.

Preamble.

3. In framing our recommendations as to the best means of re-organizing the Militia of Canada, we have taken for the ground work of our considerations the following facts, which must be self evident to all who consider the circumstances and position of the Province.

Ground work of considerations.

4. *Firstly.*—That Canada presents a frontier, upwards of 1000 miles in extent, assailable by land or water at every point ;

Extent of Frontier.

5. *Secondly.*—That she possesses a population amounting to little more than 2,500,000 souls (less than the population of London) thinly but unevenly scattered throughout her full extent ;

Population.

6. *Thirdly.*—That the adjoining Country is powerful—contains a population vastly superior in numbers to that of Canada—possesses great resources, and abounds with excellent means of communication, both by land and water, diverging from the heart of the nation and leading to all the most vulnerable points on the frontier of this Province ;

7. *Fourthly.*—That as the revenue of a Country must depend in a very great degree upon the amount of her population, the extent of the frontier in this province to be defended must necessarily be disproportioned to her income.

8. In order to provide an efficient force for the defence of the Province, we are of opinion that a far greater number of trained men will be required than have hitherto been sanctioned, and recommend the organization of an active force amounting to about 50,000 men of all arms, with a reserve of the same number. A reference to the map of Canada, will, we think, clearly point out that even this number of men would be insufficient, without the co-operation of a strong body of regular troops and a powerful fleet of gun boats on the lakes.

9. We are of opinion that the proposed force should consist of the Volunteer Militia Corps of the great Cities, and of Active Battalions of Regular Militia to be raised in the rural districts. A proportion of Artillery and Cavalry being distributed throughout the force.

On the Battalion System.

10. For the following reasons we consider that the Infantry should, in all cases, be organized in complete battalions.

11. It appears that the failures and disasters of armies, composed of irregular troops, have generally arisen, not from a want of courage or of drill amongst the private soldiers, but from a want of discipline throughout the entire body.

12. The discipline of an army, we consider, consists, in a downward direction, of a perfect system of circulating orders, and a complete chain of mutual responsibility by which these orders are carried out ; in an upward direction it consists of the habit acquired by the individuals composing a large body of depending with confidence upon, and acting implicitly under the orders of one directing mind.

13. We think that the habit of command, of circulating orders and of carrying out the system of mutual responsibility, can only be acquired by great practice.

14. That confidence in superior command and in the system of mutual responsibility is the result of an intimate knowledge of the system, and a conviction that the machinery by which it is worked is in perfect order ; this *knowledge*, however, is not in our opinion sufficient ; discipline, we consider, must be acquired by *long habit*, or it will not stand the test of Active Service, where excitement and danger so often deprive the mind of its ordinary functions.

15. Generals of disciplined troops move their armies into action with confidence and freedom, for they know by their system of discipline they can “keep them in hand” and trust to them in the hour of danger and excitement.

16. We do not think that discipline and mutual confidence, which are so essential to the organization of an army, could exist to any great extent in a body composed of independent companies.

17. Even were these independent companies formed into battalions, for service, we think that captains, who had been accustomed to be independent, would never submit with confidence to strange Lieutenant-Colonels, nor would Lieutenant-Colonels have confidence in independent Captains unused to submit to discipline ; the necessary chain of mutual responsibility would be untested, the Lieutenant-Colonels themselves would be unpractised, and the whole organization would produce but little confidence in the mind of a General.

18. We consider moreover that *Esprit de Corps* is as essential to success in the organization of a Militia Force as discipline.

19. For these reasons we recommend that the whole Force of Volunteer and regular Militia Infantry of the province be formed in complete *Battalions*, and that the people of each locality be encouraged, by the nature of the organization, to feel an interest and a pride in their own trained Battalions.

Regular Militia.

20. We recommend that the Province be divided into such “Military Districts” as the Commander in Chief may, from time to time, direct.

21. That each Military District be divided into “Regimental ^{Regimental} Districts.”

Sedentary bat-
talion.
Divisions.

22. That in order to facilitate the enrolment, relief and reinforcement of an Active Force, each Regimental Division be divided into "Sedentary Battalion Divisions," and be subdivided into "Sedentary Company Divisions."

Active bat-
tions.

23. That each Regimental Division shall furnish one Active and one Reserve Battalion, to be taken as nearly as practicable in equal proportions from the male population of such division, between the ages of 18 and 45.

Active Com-
pany
Division.

24. That each Company of an Active Battalion, together with its corresponding Reserve Company, be taken from within the limits of a defined territorial division, the boundary of which shall be identical with that of a Sedentary Battalion Division, or of a distinct portion of such division.

Sedentary Bat-
talion Divisions
to be made to
correspond
with Active
Company
Divisions.

25. That in order to accommodate the Sedentary Battalion Divisions to the organization of the Active Battalions, the limits of the former be, where necessary, re-arranged.

Cities to be
Military Dis-
tricts and furn-
ish Volunteer
or Regular Mi-
litia.

26. We recommend that each of the principal Cities of the Province, namely—Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton and London, with such portions of the surrounding country as may, from time to time, be added to them by the Commander in Chief, shall constitute a Military District, to be divided into Regimental and Sedentary Battalion Divisions, as hereinbefore detailed; that they be allowed to furnish Volunteer Militia of the three arms in the proportions herein-after detailed in lieu of Active Battalions of Regular Militia. In the event of these Cities failing to furnish their full complement of Volunteers, they shall in part, or altogether, fall under the General Regulations of the Regular Militia, in such manner as the Commander in Chief shall direct.

Number of re-
giments.

27. That all the Regiments of Volunteer and Regular Militia shall be numbered from one upwards, the numbers to be drawn by lot.

Officers on Re-
tired List.

28. We recommend that all officers of the Active or Reserve Corps, who have arrived at the following ages, in each rank respectively, and all officers of those Corps who may hereafter arrive at those ages, in each rank, may be placed on the retired list, receiving a step of honorary rank:

Field officers, under the rank of colonel, at 60.
Captains and subalterns at 50.

29. That all men above the age of 45, not being officers, who shall claim exemption on account of age shall be considered on the retired list, non commissioned officers retaining their rank. Men on the Retired List.

30. That officers and men of the retired list under the age of 60 may be required to serve in cases of great emergency, but above that age that they be liable to serve only in case of a *levée en masse*. Liabilities of men on retired list.

Permanent Staff.

31. We recommend that a permanent staff be allowed to each City furnishing Volunteer Militia, consisting of one Town Adjutant, and one Staff Sergeant-major to each battalion. Permanent Staff of Volunteer Militia.

32. That the Town Adjutant shall be under the orders of the Colonel of the District ; shall have general superintendence over the armories and stores, and have control over the Staff Sergeant-majors of Battalions ; shall make out all returns, certificates, rolls, &c., that may be required, shall undertake the official correspondence relating both to the Sedentary and Active Militia of the District ; shall carry out the instructions of the Colonel of the District with respect to the drill and instruction of the officers, non commissioned officers and men of the Volunteer and Regular Militia at all times of the year, and shall act as pay-master of all the Corps in the District. Duties of Town Adjutant.

33. That a permanent Staff be allowed to each active battalion of Regular Militia consisting of one Adjutant and one Staff Sergeant-major. Permanent Staff of Regular Militia.

34. That the Adjutant of an active battalion of Regular Militia shall have charge of all arms, clothing, ammunition, books, rolls, &c., belonging to the entire active force, within the regimental division to which his battalion belongs ; shall be responsible that all vacancies in the active field batteries, troops, or companies, are filled up as they occur ; shall undertake the official correspondence relating both to the Sedentary and Active Militia of his division ; he shall be instructed to encourage the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of his corps, to drill and practise with the rifle, in their leisure hours throughout the year ; and afford every assistance in his power to any young men, who may wish to qualify themselves as officers, or to receive military instruction ; and shall also act as pay-master of his regimental division. Duties of Adjutants of Regular Militia.

35. That the Staff Sergeant-majors under the control of the Adjutant shall have the immediate charge of the arms, accoutrements, knapsacks, &c., of their battalions and of the field batteries or troops attached to them ; shall be employed in Duties of Staff Sergeant-Majors.

drilling and instructing the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of their respective corps, and shall act as clerks to the adjutants.

Appointment of permanent Staff.

36. That the permanent staff be appointed by the Commander in Chief, who shall have the power of removing at pleasure any officer or non-commissioned officer of such staff.

Power of dismissal.

37. That the officers and non-commissioned officers of the permanent staff shall be appointed for three years only, at the termination of which period they will be eligible for re-appointment to a battalion in another district. The Adjutants will be required always to reside in their respective regimental divisions.

Establishments of Volunteer and Regular Militia Corps.

Establishment of Field batteries.

38. We recommend that the establishment of a Field Battery shall be as follows :

OFFICERS.	NON-COMD. OFFICERS AND MEN.	HORSES.
Captain, - 1	Staff Sergeants, - - - 2	Officers, 4
1st Lieutenants, 2	Sergeants, - - - - 4	Sergeants, 6
2nd Lieutenant, 1	Corporals, - - - - 4	Trumpeter, 1
	Bombardiers, - - - 4	Draught, 36
	Gunners, - - - 44	
	Drivers, - - - - 26	
	Trumpeter, - - - 1	
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On active service, a Farrier, a Collar maker and a Wheeler and 16 horses should be added to the above establishment.

Establishment of a troop of Cavalry.

39. That the establishment of a Troop of Cavalry shall be as follows :

Captain,	1	Troop sergeant major,	1	Officers,	3
Lieutenant,	1	Sergeants, - - - - 2	Non-commis-		
Cornet,	1	Corporals, - - - - 2	sioned officers		
		Trumpeter, - - - - 1	and privates,	50	
		Privates, - - - . 44			
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On active service, a Farrier to be added to the above establishment.

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40. That the establishment of an Active Battalion of Garrison Artillery or of Infantry shall be as follows :

Lieutenant-Colonel,	1	Sergeant Major,	1	Establishment of a Battalion of garrison artillery or of infantry.
Majors, - - - -	2	Qr.-Master Sergt.	1	
Adjutant, - - - -	1	Hospital Sergeant,	1	
Quarter-Master, - -	1	Drum-Major, - -	1	
Surgeon, - - - -	1	Sergeants, - - -	40	
Assist. Surgeon, - -	1	Corporals, - - -	40	
Captains, - - - -	10	Drummers, - - -	10	
Lieutenants, - - - -	10	Privates, - - -	710	
Ensigns, - - - -	10			

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*Appointment and Promotion of Officers, and Regulations
regarding them.*

41. We suggest that all officers of the Volunteer and Regular Militia be appointed by the Commander in Chief.

Officers to be appointed by Commander in Chief.

42. We also recommend, with a view of ensuring the efficiency of corps of the Volunteer and Active Regular Militia, that Field Officers be selected who have served in the regular army or who have acquired a sufficient knowledge of all military duties, according to the present system; their efficiency to be practically tested prior to their appointment.

Efficient Field Officers to be selected.

43. That all gentlemen and officers, desiring to hold commissions in the active force, below the rank of field officers, be required to pass a practical military examination before a board, consisting of three officers, one being a field officer, prior to their appointment to the Militia, and that in the first formation of the Militia the officers of the board shall be selected from the regular service.

Examination of Gentlemen prior to appointment.

44. We also recommend that promotion, as a general rule, shall take place by seniority; this general rule being, always, subject to such deviations and exceptions as the Commander-in-chief may think proper to make, on account of inefficiency, misconduct or other causes of irregularity; all officers, under the rank of field officers in the active force, to be required to pass a practical military examination before a Board consisting of three officers, one of them being a field officer, prior to their promotion; provided, also, that the Commander-in-chief shall have the power to promote any officer, out of his turn, for distinguished gallantry in the field, or marked military capacity.

Promotion by seniority, subject to examination as to efficiency.

**Existing
Officers eligible
for reappoint-
ment, if quali-
fied.**

45. That all officers holding commissions in the Sedentary Militia, not above the superannuating ages hereinbefore suggested, and who may please to qualify themselves, shall be eligible for appointment to the Active Militia; it being understood that they shall not be required to accept a lower grade of rank than that which they hold in the Sedentary Militia, unless at their own request.

**Fees to be paid
on appoint-
ment and pro-
motion.**

46. That all officers of the Volunteer and Regular Militia shall be required to pay the following fees on appointment and promotion:

	On appointment.	On promotion.
Ensigns or Cornets.....	\$ 5	
Lieutenants.....	6	1
Captains	8	2
Majors	9	1
Lieutenant-Colonels	10	1
Colonels of Districts.....	20	10

Staff officers according to their relative rank.

Method of raising Volunteer and Regular Militia, and conditions.

**Maintaining
Volunteer Mi-
litia.**

47. We recommend that the Lieutenant Colonels of Volunteer Battalions, and the Captains of Volunteer Field Batteries and Troops of Cavalry, shall be held responsible that their Corps are kept up to their full strength, and in the event of their failing to maintain their complement of men or of their Corps becoming inefficient, the Commander in Chief shall have the power of disbanding them.

**Enrolment of
Active Militia.**

48. That the Active Force be raised either by "Voluntary Enlistment," by "Selection," by "Ballot," or by a combination of Voluntary Enlistment and the Ballot. The following method may be adopted in raising the Militia: the Captain of each Sedentary Company having assembled all the men between the ages of 18 and 45 belonging to his Company Division, will call upon them to give the number required voluntarily; but if Volunteers do not come forward in sufficient numbers, he will inform the men that it is his duty to fill up the number by ballot, unless a majority of two thirds prefers that he select men for the Active Force from amongst them, in which case it will become his duty to make his selection in such a manner as to make the pressure bear upon the families who are best able to support it. If there is not a majority of two thirds of the men in favour of the selection by the Captain, he shall at once proceed with the ballot.

**Active force to
be taken from
unmarried
men, &c.**

49. That in the event of the ballot being adopted the active force be taken, in the first place, from amongst the unmarried men and widowers without children.

50. That men taken by ballot for the regular Militia shall be allowed to provide substitutes, subject to the approval of the Commanding Officer of the corps or to pay the sum of \$30 for exemption from service for three years. Substitutes may be provided.

51. That men of the Volunteer Militia shall be enrolled for a period of 5 years. Service of Volunteer Militia.

52. That men of the Regular Militia shall serve three years in the Active Force. Service of Regular Militia in Active Force.

53. That men of the Regular Militia shall, at the expiration of their term of service in the Active Force, pass into the Reserve Force and continue to be enrolled in that force for a farther period of three years. Service of Regular Militia in Reserve Force.

54. That the Sergeants of the Volunteer and Regular Militia be encouraged, at the expiration of their first terms of service in the Active Force, to reengage for a farther period of 5 years in the Volunteer Militia or 7 years in the Regular Militia, receiving at the expiration of 10 years service in the Active Force a gratuity of \$40, and that any Sergeant, who may retire at the expiration of his first term of service, may be replaced by any Corporal who has completed his first period of service, such promoted Corporal to receive the same grant at the expiration of his 10 years service. It being always understood that the above mentioned re-engagements, in both cases, shall be subject to the approval of the Commanding Officer of the Corps. Sergeants may reengage for a second period of service.

55. That any man desiring to change his residence to another regimental Division, shall communicate his intention to the Commanding Officer of his corps, and shall obtain from him a certificate of service, a duplicate of which shall be sent to the Commanding Officer of the regimental Division to which the man is removed, and he will be called upon to complete his term of service in that Division. Should he fail to present himself at the first muster in the Battalion to which he is removed, he shall, (unless he can satisfactorily account for his absence) be liable to be drafted for a full period of service, without reference to his former service. Volunteer or regular militiamen changing residence.

56. That any man, who may require to leave the country, shall also obtain from his Commanding Officer a certificate of service, and should he return within a period of 10 years, he may, on production of such certificate, be allowed to complete his period of service, otherwise he shall be liable to be drafted for a full period. Volunteer or regular militiamen leaving the Country.

57. That all men, who shall have completed their 3 years service in the Active Force and 3 years in the Reserve Force, shall be placed at the bottom of the list of men between Procedure at expiration of 3 years service.

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18 & 45 years of age, in the regimental Division, and shall not be liable again to be drafted until every man above them on the list shall have served; each man at the expiration of his service shall be furnished with a certificate of service.

Liability to be called out for training and service.

58. That the Volunteer and Active Regular Militia be called out for training every year. And that the Volunteer and Regular Militia be liable to be called out in case of war or disturbance, or any emergency that may arise, to serve either within or without the Province, the Volunteers and Active Battalions being always the first to take the field, the Reserve next, and then additional Active Battalions to be raised from the Sedentary Militia.

Vacancies to be filled up at once.

59. That all vacancies in the Active Battalions be filled up as they occur.

Period of active service in the field limited to one year.

60. That in time of war no man shall be required to serve in the field continuously for a longer period than one year, the reliefs to be made by drafts from the regimental Division, or by complete battalions, as may be found most expedient at the time; but that any man who volunteers to serve for the war shall be compelled to fulfil his engagement.

Power of Commander in Chief to retain Volunteers or Militiamen after expiration of service.

61. That it shall, nevertheless, be left to the discretion of the Commander in Chief, in cases of unavoidable necessity, to call upon any Volunteer or Regular Militiaman to continue to serve beyond his period of general service, or beyond his one year's service in the field, for any period not exceeding six months.

Pay.

Pay of Permanent staff.

62. We recommend that the Town Adjutants and Regular Militia Adjutants receive pay at the rate of \$2 a day, and an allowance of 50 cents a day for travelling expenses and forage for a horse. That the Staff Sergeants receive pay at the rate of \$300 a year.

Pay of Volunteer and regular militia corps during training.

63. That the Officers of the Volunteer and Regular Militia Corps receive a uniform rate of pay at \$1 a day, and the non commissioned Officers and Privates a uniform rate of pay at 50 cents a day, during their period of training.—That the Officers, non commissioned Officers and Privates of the field Batteries and Troops of Cavalry receive, in addition to their pay, an allowance of \$1 a day for their horses during the period of their training.

64. That when called out in aid of the civil power the Officers shall receive the same pay as officers in the regular service.—That the non commissioned Officers and Men receive pay at the rate of \$1 a day, and shall also be provided with lodgings by the Municipality requiring their services.

Pay when in
aid of Civil
Power.

65. That on Active Service in the field the Officers, non commissioned Officers and Men of the Volunteer and Active Militia, receive the same rates of pay and allowances in every respect as in the regular service.

Pay on Active
Service.

66. That the permanent Adjutants receive a sufficient contingent allowance to cover the expenses of postage and stationery and that one Adjutant in each Military district shall receive an additional allowance to cover expenses incurred in postage and stationery by the Colonel commanding the district.

Contingent al-
lowance to
Adjutants.

Arms, Equipment and Clothing.

67. We recommend that the Volunteer and regular Militia Artillery be provided with Field Guns, Harness, Saddlery, &c., that both gunners and drivers be furnished with swords, and that twelve short Enfield rifles be allowed to each Field Battery.

Arms, &c., of
Field Batteries.

68. That the Cavalry be armed with Swords and Carbines, and be provided with Saddlery, Valises and Cloaks.

Arms, &c., of
Cavalry.

69. That the Volunteer and Regular Militia Garrison Artillery and Infantry be armed with rifles of the latest pattern, and be furnished with Accoutrements, Knapsacks and Great-coats.

Arms of Garri-
son Artillery
and Infantry.

70. That each Volunteer Militiaman shall receive an allowance of \$3 a year in lieu of clothing.

Clothing of
Volunteer Mi-
litia.

71. That the Regular Militiamen be supplied with clothing while on drill or service.

Clothing of
Militia.

72. That the Arms, Accoutrements, Knapsacks and Great-coats of all corps be kept in store, and moreover that the clothing of the Regular Militia be also kept in store ; these articles to be served out to the men when it is deemed expedient by order of the Commanding Officer.

Articles to be
kept in Store.

73. That a complete set of Pioneers' tools and implements be kept in each Regimental Store.

Pioneers' tools.

74. That a sufficient supply of Drums and Bugles be obtained for the use of the Militia.

Drums and
Bugles.

Training and Muster.

Season for
training.

75. That every Active Battalion be called out for training at the most convenient time in each year.

Number of
days training.

76. That the usual period for training be 28 days; that it shall never be less than 14, with 14 days additional drill for recruits who have not been present at any former training.

Training of
Reserve Force.

77. That it shall be in the power of the Commander in Chief to call out the Reserve force for six days training in each year.

Inspection of
Militia.

78. That every Corps of the Active Militia be inspected, during its period of training, by such Officer as the Commander in Chief may appoint.

Militia Corps
to be encamped
during training.

79. That Militia Corps be encamped, when practicable, during their period of training, and that the men be encouraged to mess together and procure their provisions by contract, camp kettles being provided for their use.

Training of Vo-
lunteer Militia.

80. That the Volunteer Militia shall be required to drill for the same number of days as the regular Militia, receiving the same rate of pay during their period of training. But as the composition of these Corps will be different from that of the Regular Militia, we recommend that the period of drill may be divided, at the discretion of the Commander in Chief, to suit the convenience of the Volunteers. But to ensure the Corps being properly trained to Battalion movements, we recommend that a certain number of days drill be always consecutive and in the summer months.

Muster of
Sedentary Mi-
litia.

81. That an annual muster of the Sedentary Militia shall take place, and that absentees shall be called upon to pay a moderate commutation in case of non attendance.

Drill Grounds.—Armories and Stores.

Drill ground
and Store, &c.,
for Volunteer.

82. That a Drill Ground be provided in, or in the vicinity of each City that furnishes Volunteer Militia, and that a suitable building be provided containing an Armory, Magazine, Store Rooms, Orderly Room, Gun Sheds, &c. The Arms and Stores of each Battalion being kept separately in charge of a Staff Sergeant Major. This building to be enclosed within a wall capable of defence against sudden attack.

Drill ground
and Stores,
&c., for Militia.

83. That a suitable Drill Ground be provided in some advantageous central position in each regimental division and that a stone or brick building be erected on the Drill Ground,

containing a Store, Armory, Magazine, Orderly Room, Shifting Room and Quarters for the Sergeant Major, this building to be enclosed within a stone or brick wall capable of defence against sudden attack, and that Gun Sheds and Stores for Saddlery be added where required.

84. That the selection of the site for these drill grounds and buildings be subject to the approval of the Commander in Chief.

Sites to be approved of by Commander in Chief.

Registration of Seafaring Men.

85. That all seafaring men, and sailors on our inland waters, actually employed in their calling, and who shall on that account claim exemption from militia service, shall be registered ; and that they shall be trained to the exercise of guns of heavy calibre during the winter months, and that for this purpose marine companies shall be formed at such places as the Commander in Chief may direct.

Registration of Seafaring men.

General Distribution of Volunteer and Regular Militia Force in Canada.

86. We propose that the Volunteer and Regular Militia Force shall be raised throughout the province in the following proportions :

VOLUNTEER MILITIA IN UPPER CANADA.

CITIES AND DISTRICTS.	Field Batteries, 85 strong.	Troops Cavalry, 50 strong.	Bat. Gar. Arty. 804 strong.	Bat. Infantry, 804 strong.	Total Strength.
Ottawa	1	....	....	$\frac{1}{2}$	489
Kingston	1	1	....	$\frac{1}{2}$	539
Toronto	1	1	1	1	1743
Hamilton	1	....	....	1	889
London	1	....	....	$\frac{1}{2}$	489
Total Vol. Force in U.C.	5	2	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4149

REGULAR MILITIA IN UPPER CANADA.

Military District	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. 1.....	....	....	....	2	1608
No. 2.....	1	2	1	1	1793
No. 3.....	....	1	1	2	2462
No. 4.....	....	1	....	3	2462
No. 5.....	....	1	....	4	3266
No. 6.....	....	1	....	6	4874
No. 7.....	1	3	1	2	2647
No. 8.....	....	3	1	3	3366
No. 9.....	....	2	....	1	904
Total Mil. in U. C.	2	14	4	24	23382
Add Volunteers in U.C.	5	2	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4149
Total Force in U.C.	7	16	5	$27\frac{1}{2}$	27531

VOLUNTEER MILITIA IN LOWER CANADA.

CITY OR DISTRICT.	Field Batteries, 85 Strong.	Troops Cavalry, 50 Strong.	Batt. Gar. Art'y. 804 Strong.	Batt. Infantry, 804 Strong.	Total Strength.
Quebec.....	1	1	1	1	1743
Montreal.....	1	2	1	3	3401
Total Vol. Force in L. C.	2	3	2	4	5144

REGULAR MILITIA IN LOWER CANADA.

No. 1, Military District *.	....	....	....	....	....
No. 2 " "	....	....	....	2	1608
No. 3 " "	....	2	....	2	1708
No. 4 " "	....	....	....	1	804
No. 5 " "	....	....	....	3	2412
No. 6 " "	....	2	1	2	2512
No. 7 " "	....	....	....	2	1608
No. 8 " "	....	....	....	3	2412
No. 9 " "	....	1	....	3	2462
No. 10 " "	1	3	....	2	1843
Total Militia in L. C.	1	8	1	20	17369
Add Volunteers in L. C.	2	3	2	4	5144
Total Force in L. C.	3	11	3	24	22513

* No. 1 Military District will furnish no men for the active force, but will be expected to register a large proportion of seafaring men.

REGULAR AND VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

Force in U. Can..	7	16	5	$27\frac{1}{2}$	27531
" L. "	3	11	3	24	22513
Total Force in Province..	10	27	8	$51\frac{1}{2}$	50044
Add Reserve.....	10	27	8	$51\frac{1}{2}$	50044

Practice and Service Ammunition.

Ammunition.

87. That all Corps of Volunteer and Regular Militia be furnished with a sufficient quantity of blank and ball practice Ammunition, and that a supply of 10 rounds of Service Ammunition, per man, be deposited in each Regimental Magazine.

Privileges of Volunteer and Regular Militia.

Exemption of arms, horses, &c., from seizure.

88. That the Arms and Accoutrements of the Officers and Men of the Volunteer and Regular Militia, and the Horses used by them as such, shall be exempt from seizure in execution and from distress and assessment.

Exemptions in favor of Volunteers.

89. That the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Volunteer and Regular Militia, shall, while on drill or service, be exempt from serving as Jurors or Constables.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES.

Imprisonment in case of default of payment of fine.

90. We recommend that any person who shall fail to pay any fine awarded to him as a penalty for any offence against the Militia Law shall be liable to imprisonment.

Militia subject to Articles of War.

91. That the Militia, when called out, for training, service or in aid of civil power, and every officer or man belonging to it shall from the time he has been ordered, taken or drafted for such services, be subject to the Articles of War and to the Act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and all other Laws then applicable to Her Majesty's Troops in this Province, and not inconsistent with this Act; except that no Militiaman shall be subject to any corporal punishment except death or imprisonment for any contravention of such laws; and except also that the Commander in Chief may direct that any provisions of the said laws shall not apply to the Militia.

Working of the system.

Active force to assemble for active service.

92. In the event of war, the proposed system would work in the following manner: the active force, consisting of Volunteer and Regular Militia, would at once be assembled and encamped on their respective drill grounds, and the Deputy Assistant Quarter-Masters General would make the necessary arrangements as to transport, &c., for the movement of their corps.

Calling out of second battalions in time of war.

93. In a militia regimental division, the Active Battalion, being ordered to take the field, the Reserve Battalion would at once be assembled at the regimental drill ground; the arms, accoutrements, clothing, &c., taken from the Armory and Stores by

the first battalion, would be replaced by equal numbers from the Main Arsenals and Stores of the Province for the use of the Reserve Battalion. The Reserve Battalions, if required to take the field, would be replaced by additional Active Battalions, to be raised from the Sedentary Militia; under some circumstances it would only be necessary to assemble a portion of a battalion in the division as a depot for those on service.

Quarter-Master General's Department.

94. That a Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master General be appointed in each district, who shall, in case of impending war, be called upon to make out tables of the resources of his district; showing also the situation of all forges, bakeries, stores, &c., and he shall be prepared to collect any transport that may be required to move the active force of his district when required for service.

Deputy Assistant
Quarter
Master Gen-
ral.

Colonels of Districts.

95. That a Colonel be appointed to command each military ^{Colonels of} district through whom all communications shall pass relating ^{Districts.} to corps under his command.

Active service roll.

96. That every volunteer and regular militiaman be required to sign a service roll in which the conditions of his service shall be stated. ^{Militiaman to sign service roll.}

Exemptions.

97. We recommend that the exemptions from Militia Service be as few as possible. ^{Exemptions to be few.}

Corps for General Service.

98. That in addition to the Volunteer and Regular Militia of the Province, in the event of war, the Commander in Chief shall have the power to raise regiments of Militia by Voluntary Enlistment for General Service, during such war, and for a reasonable time after its termination.

General System of Defence.

99. We, your Excellency's Commissioners, have abstained from offering any direct recommendations regarding the general strategic defence of the Province, or the defence of certain points by permanent fortifications, as we consider the former subject comes more especially within the province of the General Commanding Her Majesty's forces. And we have been given to understand that a separate commission has been

Strategic de-
fence and Forts
not mentioned.

employed to investigate the latter important subject. We have, nevertheless, in arranging our proposed distribution of the three arms of the service, kept in view the nature of the defence that would be required in the different districts. We have, moreover, in our calculation of numbers, been strongly influenced by the conviction, that in the event of war with the neighbouring Country, no defence could be effectual unless the lakes were held by a powerful force of gun boats.

We submit the Draft of a Bill in accordance with the foregoing Report, and submit the same for Your Excellency's consideration.

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